

Of the known British species *Hansenella caldaria* (Hansen) is a "hot-house" species; *Scutigerella immaculata*, *S. biseutata*, *S. spinipes*, and *Symphelella vulgaris* are more or less common and of wide distribution, whilst *Symphelella delicatula* and *Scolopendrellopsis subnuda* are also widely distributed but much more local. *S. subnuda*, on account of its minute size, may easily be overlooked (and *S. minutissima* also). All of these seven species should be met with in one season by anyone wishing to collect and study the group.

XLIV.—*A new Rat of the Genus Mylomys from the Upper Nile.* By OLDFIELD THOMAS.

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AMONG some Mammalia collected by Major Cuthbert Christy during his recent expedition to the Bahr-el-Ghazal, and presented by him to the National Museum, there occur two specimens of a new *Myomys*, which may be called

*Myomys christyi*, sp. n.

Size comparatively small. Under surface white, as in the large species *M. alberti*.

Size rather smaller than in *M. cuninghamei*, the smallest of the described species. Colour above strongly lined pale buffy and black with ochraceous rump, the general effect paler than in *lutescens* and less ochraceous than in *alberti*. Sides more creamy buff. Under surface white, the hairs white to their roots in the type, but with a little pale slaty at the bases of the hairs in the paratype, which is, however, rather immature. Sides of nose, a line above eye, and back of ears ochraceous. Hands and feet grizzled yellow. Tail well-haired, dark brown above, buffy yellow on sides and below.

Skull rather smaller than that of *M. cuninghamei*, but similar in general form. Palatal foramina comparatively narrow, not widely open as in *lutescens*. Bullæ rather small. Molars larger than those of *cuninghamei*, but not equalling those of *lutescens*.

Dimensions of the type (measured by the collector in the flesh):—

Head and body 135 mm.; tail 140; hind foot 34; ear 19.

Skull: greatest length 33.5; condylo-incisive length 31.6; zygomatic breadth 16.4; nasals 13.2; interorbital breadth 4.5; palatal foramina 7.1 x 2.1; upper molar series 7.3; breadth of  $m^1$  2.5.

*Hab.* Mt. Baginzi, Bahr-el-Ghazal. Alt. 3500'.

*Type.* Adult female. B.M. no. 17.10.4.17. Original number 29. Collected March 1916, and presented by Major Cuthbert Christy, R.A.M.C. Two specimens.

*Myomys cuninghamei* of British East Africa and *M. lutescens* of Uganda have the belly hairs broadly plumbeous basally. *M. alberti* of the Upper Welle is conspicuously larger than *M. christyi*, the skull 38.5 mm. in length. "*Pelomys*" *roosevelti*, Heller, which is clearly a *Myomys*, I do not know, but its molars are said to be 8.5 mm. in length.

XLV.—*Descriptions of new Fishes from Lake Tanganyika forming Part of the Collection made by the late Dr. L. Stappers for the Belgian Government.* By G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S.

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A REPORT on the large collection of Fishes made by Dr. L. Stappers\* in Lake Tanganyika and other parts of the Belgian Congo was in preparation when the war broke out, and only the greater part of the diagnoses of the new species have so far been published in Brussels†. I now propose, after this long delay, to give short descriptions of the remainder, so as to render the whole series available for reference.

*Alestes vittatus.*

Depth of body  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to  $3\frac{2}{3}$  times in total length, length of head 4 to  $4\frac{1}{4}$  times. Head twice as long as broad, a little longer than deep; snout as long as eye, which is 3 times in

\* On his return to Europe, hastened by the outbreak of the war, Dr. Stappers joined the Medical Service of the Belgian Army; he died in hospital at Calais on Dec. 30, 1916. The death of this promising young zoologist is a great loss to Science.

† Rev. Zool. Afr. iii. 1914, pp. 442-447, and iv. 1915, pp. 162-170. The Acanthopterygii and Opisthomii are included in the British Museum Catalogue of African Fishes.